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The Woman's Club History is a record book,
Open for all Club members to give a backward look
There to find—our Civics and Welfare work, Plans and Fun,
Our Projects, achievements accomplished and done;—
By many fearless women; whom criticism could only inspire
To carry Woman's Club work forward with enthusiastic fire.

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We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Barbara Nagle, our Business Director and Custodian, for her care of all the pamphlets, scraps of paper, letters, and the reports which she has saved and kept in such excellent condition.

To Mabelle Barr (Mrs. John) for her wonderful secretary reports from 1925 to 1931.

Also to Miss Esther Bixler, for her interesting report of the Founding of our Woman's Club, which is here inscribed . . .

"The Woman's Club of Easton, Pennsylvania was conceived in the Fall of 1900 by Miss Laura Maxwell, its Founder and President for the first ten years, under the name of The Civics Club of Easton. On January 30, 1901 the formal organization took place at the home of Mrs. William Kirkpatrick, with Miss Laura Maxwell, President, Mrs. Luke Hapgood, Vice-President, Mrs. W. B. Owen, Secretary, and Mrs. E. J. Fox, Treasurer. Present at the meeting were Miss Laura Maxwell, the Mesdames Henry McKeen, William Kirkpatrick, George Nevin, Luke Hapgood, J. H. Pearson, L. W. Eskard, William Hall, W. B. Owen, F. A. Edgar, Henry Eachenour, E. J. Fox, Wiley Jacoby, and the Misses Mildred March, and Julia Johnson.

The objects of the Civic Club were civic, educational, and social advancement.

At the first meeting a circulating library was started, the forerunner of our present Public Library. Easton had no library at that time. Then in rapid succession the Club launched The Charity

Organization with Miss Jennie Griffith as Secretary. Waste paper boxes were placed on the streets. Council was persuaded to place cards in trolley-cars and public places prohibiting spitting. The garbage disposal plant was discussed and finally started and finished, with city collection of ashes and garbage.

A safe and sane Fourth was proposed and finally a program for the Day developed as we have it at present. Milk inspection became a city ordinance. The Club made efforts toward the abatement of the smoke and noise nuisance.

Art was encouraged in the public schools. For several years exhibits were held in the Wolfe High School and 25 Classics were purchased and given to the school as prizes.

Flower gardens became an annual affair, planted with seed at a nominal price. In September flower shows were held and prizes awarded.

Recess and playgrounds were sponsored by the Club and finally made permanent by the School Board and the Children's Home.

Riverside Park and Franklin Park in West Easton were children of the Club, as were the Juvenile Courts and House of Detention.

The Club suggested home economics courses in the schools.

Prominent speakers were engaged by the Club to lecture in civic work.

Classes and open lectures were given on Dante, and Browning and Tennyson. There were courses in modern languages.

During the war the Club did its share of war-work — but at the same time carried on its usual program. After the war the Club members volunteered their services in a State Tuberculosis Clinic, aiding in the sale of Christmas Seals.

The Presidents have been Miss Laura Maxwell, Mrs. J. I. B. Reilley, Mrs. F. S. Bixler, Mrs. Arjay Davies, and Mrs. James Tupper. Then the Club divided into three departments, each with a Director."

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Following is a letter from Miss Laura M. McKeen, neice of Miss Laura Maxwell, to Mrs. W. O. Hay, who was a former Fine Arts Director and an active worker in our Club. This letter gives us a word picture of Miss Laura Maxwell.

"Regarding anything of interest about Aunt Laura Maxwell. She was all interest — I have gone over several note books of hers

and find quotations on so many subjects — the predominate note seems to be on Peace — 'Peace only comes to those who see
That they keep step in Harmony
With all there is or yet to be.'

"And there are many silly little rhymes like 'The Little Turtle' that I am enclosing. It is in Aunt Laura's handwriting . . .

THE LITTLE TURTLE

There was a little turtle,
He lived in a box.
He swam in a puddle
He climbed on the rocks.
He snapped at a mosquito
He snapped at a flea,
He snapped at a minnow
And he snapped at me.
He caught the mosquito
He caught a flea,
He caught the minnow
But he didn't catch me.

"As you know Aunt Laura lived with us and as I look back at my childhood I can see what an excellent teacher she was. In the spring she took me on bird walks and to see the arbutus — she brought a French Governess from Paris to live with us and enlarge our concepts of the world and to teach us French.

"Aunt Laura brushed down our hardwood stairs each morning and often told us 'It is important to keep your house clean as well as your thoughts.'

"I remember her persistent efforts in securing the first park in Easton on Front Street. She talked often with my father about how to approach the City Fathers who fought it and her.

"She often read to me letters she received from abroad — it seemed to me she must know most of the world and I was fascinated with the different stamps. I remember too, the long hours she spent in organizing the Y.W.C.A. and the Charity Organizations.

"Our wall telephone was used overtime and for long calls but every one was purposeful.

"Her parents' names were Judge Henry Maxwell and Louisa Honeyman.

"I really don't know when she died. It was only a couple of years after the Armistice of the First War. She was in France when the war broke out and she wrote a fascinating account of how she got home.

"I am sorry to have so little to contribute about one who contributed so much to so many. —Laura McKeen"

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Miss Laura Maxwell was the type of person who is completely indifferent to criticism. —Mrs. W. O. Hay

Miss Maxwell was short, of slight and slender build, light brown hair, blue eyes with a twinkle; an energetic, charming Christian woman to whom life ever held a challenge and a purpose.

Mrs. Frederick Churchill recalls the last time she saw Miss Maxwell. It was at the Presbyterian Church at a meeting for the McCall Mission Work. Miss Maxwell spoke; her subject was "Light," from Matthew 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

This thought she left for every one — "Each one to be a shining light in our Community."

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True Woman's Club work, which she, Miss Laura Maxwell, herself, had founded . . .

A Poem by Lillias (Mrs. George) C. Nevin.

A TRIBUTE . . . In Loving Memory of Miss Laura Maxwell

Swift-footed on their hurrying way
The years have come and gone,
And wrought their will on passing souls
Ere yet their days have flown—
For one we love, recording much
Our hearts cannot forget—
Of deep devotion to the tasks
To which her hands were set.
For seeking good, she reached her goal,
In thought for others' need,
Her life wrought out in faith and love,
By this her constant creed;
And, loving life, she lived it well,
Unmixed with base alloy,

While from its deep-filled cup she drank,
A draught of purest joy.
Upon her dazzled eyes flamed down
The splendor of God's light,
And closed them unto things of earth,
But gave clestial sight;
The fields of knowledge, here unknown,
Or only half discerned,
To her are now an open book—
Its pages all unturned.
O spirit, ripe for that new life!
O eager, earnest soul!
We would not hold thee, if we might,
From life made perfect — whole:
But from that "Mount of Vision" high,
Where light supernal glows
May we some faint, far glimpses catch
Of things your spirit knows!

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EXCERPTS FROM EARLY RECORDS AND LETTERS

Articles of Constitution . . . (since omitted)

"The object of The Woman's Club . . . Article 2; The object shall be to stimulate and encourage all efforts toward Civic, Educational and Social Betterment . . .

MEMBERS: Sec. 6 . . . It shall be the duty of all members to promote the work of the Club. By doing as far as they may find it possible whatever will tend toward the attainment of the object of the Club . . .

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Early meetings of the Woman's Club . . . 1901-1910

"The Civics Club year began regularly with the October meeting — and the meetings have been held each month up to the present with an average attendance of twenty-one."

"Subjects: Juvenile Court Law; Playgrounds; Home Settlement; The Junior Republic; . . . Committee work has been stronger and better this last year, and we have a right to expect the best developments from Committee efforts as we grow older and wiser.

"We began the year with such objects as the securing a work home and House of Detention. The crying of newspapers — Sunday

mornings . . . to aid the Passage of the Juvenile Court Law, and securing Probation Officers for Easton . . . Beautifying grounds and streets, and home gardening in the schools. Establishment of Playgrounds, also securing The Traveling Library. Our rejoicing over the accomplished enterprises more than balances our disappointment at those as yet unaccomplished. For every member knows with what persistence and patience any degree of progress is to be achieved."

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An early resolution to City Council which bore fruit . . .

"Resolved – That the Woman's Club request the Town Council of Easton to create a Park Commissioner, said Park Commissioner to act also on the Shade Tree Commission."

As the Easton Woman's Club was started as a Civics Club, civics work has always taken first place.

I like the definition of civics work. "Study of the duties, rights, and privileges of citizens" – for through this civics work each Club member has received an intangible benefit. It is only by women working closely together for a worthwhile cause that friendships have been formed and strengthened – a bond which nothing can sever.

"The power of women" plays an important part and wields a tremendous zest and inspiration to the life of a club. Our Club has started many projects of civic interest, with all willing Club members, volunteer workers in action. And like a ball of string unwinding, the Civics Projects are continuing on and on.

Many of the ideas and plans of these civic-minded women placed before the "City Fathers" have enlisted their help, and the City of Easton is now carrying on many of the Club's beginnings.

Also our medical activities (the Diphtheria Clinics, the Baby Week, etc.) are still going forward with the help of the social agencies and the hospitals.

Our Americanization work to help our foreign born to become American citizens was started by our Club by Mrs. Eugen Barnako as one of the originators and leaders, and is now being continued by The Daughters of The American Revolution.

Following are some of the civic work highlights from 1901-1934, taken from some of the early records and from Mrs. John Barr's secretary books . . .

CIVIC PROJECTS – 1901

Introduction of calisthenics into public school curiculum, 1902.

Placing of books in the telegraph and Post Office for use of employees, 1901.

Charity organization originated, 1902.

Work for the establishment of Detention rooms, separate from the jail for reception of young people, 1902-06 and after.

Work for the extinguishing of caterpillars, 1902.

Establishing traveling library for Odenweldertown, 1902 (50 volumes changed every 6 months).

Improving lot for Odenweldertown to be made into Park, 1903.

Contribution toward kindergarten work in Odenweldertown, 1903.

Co-operation with schools for home and school gardens, giving seeds, prizes, etc., 1902-1903.

Raising money for and establishing playgrounds in connection with schools and Children's Home, 1902.

Agitation and support in part for the establishing of Riverside and Franklin Park; Improving riverfront property, 1905-1906.

Contribution toward the salary of a Probation Officer, 1905.

Membership in the Consumers League, 1905.

Settlement work, 1905-1908.

Agitation for collection and disposal of refuse. The City began this work as a result of support of the movement started in 1902.

Starting evening physical culture classes for working girls, 1909. (The physical culture class merged into the Y.W.C.A.)

Art exhibits brought to the High School, admission charged and money spent for 25 framed Art Subjects, 1909-1910.

Contribution to the Domestic Science Federation Scholarship at State College, 1910.

Raising money to purchase shade trees for Riverside Park, 1910. Agitation for a Shade Tree Commission, also Park Commission.

Movement for Safe and Sane Fourth of July.

Starting movement which resulted in Parent and Teachers Association, 1911-1912.

Agitation for Art Commission for City, 1913.

First Community Christmas Tree given by Woman's Club, 1913.

Affiliation with Peace Party, 1914.

Baby week started 1916. Child Health clinics annually have continued to date (May 1931).

Contribution to the Lehigh Valley Child Helping Conference, 1914.

Contribution toward Endowment Fund of General Federation, 1913-1921.

$1490 raised for Red Cross work during World War, sewing and bandage making. Belgian relief, $200.

Registration of women for war service, 1918.

Support of Mothers' Assistance Fund, 1919.

Making Pathfinder Survey of Easton, 1919.

Float in Parade for Americanization Day, 1920.

May and June Festivals for community singing and patriotic service, 1917.

Child Welfare Committee, feeding underweight children afternoon lunch, 1920.

State College Home Economics teacher paid for nutrition work among the foreign born, (instruction in canning), Americanization Committee, 1920.

Public Health Committee responsible for opening Dental Clinic, 1922.

Agitation for increase in apportionment for Mothers' Assistance Fund, 1923.

Taking charge of Mothers' Pension Fund.

Toxin—anti-toxin immunization work against diphtheria by Child Welfare Committee, 1924 to date (May 1931).

Anti-Tuberculosis work, sale of Christmas seals.

Help in making survey of costs of commodities in Easton, showing difference between chain stores and individual grocers prices, 1926.

Helping girl (Lucy Zamatore) through High School, 1928-1929.

Campaign resulting in the formation of a City Commission for smoke abatement, 1929.

Fostering founding of College Hill Public Library, 1929. Contribution to landscape planting, flower boxes, books.

Campaign for inclusion of women as members of School Board, 1925. Support of Mrs. Plank who became a member of the Board.

Easton Hospital Memorial, in honor of Founder of the Club, Laura B. Maxwell, room furnished with sum of $560.00 raised by Club, 1930.

Petition of City Council for the continuation of the City Bacteriological Laboratory, when it was to be abolished for reasons of economy, 1930.

Sale of articles made by members of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, 1929-1930.

Gifts to the School Museum on Front Street by the Art Section, 1929-1930.

Art Section gave prizes to school children for posters showing roadside improvement, 1930.

Movement to arouse interest in the restriction of billboards and outdoor advertising, under direction of Art Chairman.

Garden Group contribution to Valley Forge $5.00, 1929.

Contribution to Wilkins Farm Association, $25.00, 1930.

Junior section of Woman's Club organized 1925 . . . as outgrowth of Girls Work Committee: work for the following . . . Santa Claus Exchange; dressing dolls, etc.; occasional parties for poor children of the City; books bought for the Children's Home; clerical work for the Social Service League; Contribution to have books made in Braille for the blind.

Movement for better moving pictures, co-operation with the Boy Scout director for advertising good pictures, 1930.

Garden Group Annual Show in Armory.

Assistance in Red Cross Drives; Santa Claus Exchange; Anti-Tuberculosis work.

Sewing and contribution to Needlework Guild.

Gifts to County Home; entertainment at the old ladies home.

Evening lectures (paid speakers) open to public.

Garden Group gave elm trees for highway, Washington Memorial, 1931.

Instruction and entertainment given to foreign born children and adults, by Americanization Committee (half pay of hired teachers supplied by school board).

Legislative work toward informing women of conditions in local institutions and industries; reading and urging support of bills before the State Legislature.

Supplied the Clerical staff at the Diphtheria Clinic and Baby Week, 1933.

Took the responsibility of forming the Girl Scout Community Council and was represented on it, 1933.

Sponsored the collection of used books for the College Hill Library, 1933.

Merchants Association asked the Club to select from its membership judges for window dressing contest and asked them to sponsor Window Shopping Night, 1934.

EXCERPTS FROM MRS. JOHN BARR'S WONDERFUL SECRETARY'S REPORTS — 1925-1933

OUR GROWING YEARS

The Annual report year 1925-1926 states 420 members.

"A departure from large and unwieldly committees was made by the formation of committees with only 10 members each. Cards were mailed to all members requesting indications as to what particular lines of work in which they were interested and for which they were willing to work."

"Afternoon instead of evening lectures resulted in better attendance and more interest."

"The Drama Section has held two meetings regularly during the months just past. One devoted to study of modern dramatists, and the other to the reading of their plays. Six one-act plays were presented and the sum of $285.00 added to the Club House Fund."

"The outgrowth of the Girl's Work Committee known as the Junior section of The Woman's Club, will have its varied interests presented by the President of that body."

"One very profitable afternoon each month has been spent with Mrs. Knapp by those who have taken advantage of her generous contribution in the way of talks on Current Events in her home."

"A scholarship of $200.00 was given to a deserving High School Girl."

To earn money in 1926 (October meeting), "Each Committee to have charge of the Sales Table, after each general Club Meeting. It was understood that there was no obligation to buy unless members were interested in the articles on sale. Any Club member may sell articles on commission or otherwise.

"In 1927 April Meeting, Mrs. George Macam announced the Annual Spring Concert of the Music Group to be given May 7, in Pardee Hall."

May 1927. Total of 450 Members — 19 on the waiting list.

In October 1927; Mrs. Beck moved that the membership of the Club be increased from 450 to 475. It was carried.

"Mrs. Steever announced that the Art Committee planned to have a general art talk, that there would be an exhibition of New Hope Art Collection and exhibits of work of local talent.

In April 1928, "Mrs. Dawson reported on the inoculation of 1200 children, a work made possible by the Child Welfare Committee.

In September 1928, "A Calendar Committee with Mrs. Snowdon Redfield as Chairman was appointed."

June 1928: "The Woman's Club of Easton is a steadily growing organization; not only have we grown in numbers but we believe that the service which we give to our community speaks for progress along varied lines. We may further boast in the comparison of our club with other clubs in the State and repeat the statement of our director that, in various lines of work, we have proved ourselves to be from one to five years in advance of other Clubs."

"We are proud to have the State Federation of Woman's Clubs select from our membership two of their officers, that of Corresponding Secretary and that of State Chairman of Art."

"With a final word of Pride, let us remember and rejoice in the honor of the choice of our Northeast district of our own director, Mrs. Wolverton, who will so ably represent us at the San Antonio Convention this month. May 1928.

In October 1928, as there were 33 members on the waiting list. Mrs. Beck made a motion that the membership be increased to 500.

"Mrs. J. B. Poore, Chairman of the Garden Section, reported on the Flower Show. 7 ribbons had been won and a space 12 feet square had been engaged for next year."

"Mrs. Dawson spoke of a Publicity Committee meeting preceding the regular meeting and requested that all printed articles on Committee work be retained for the making of a scrap book, a new venture to better preserve a record of the Club's activities."

December 1929: "The Drama Committee reported that a play which they produced would be repeated for the Junior Section and that there would be a Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Hugh Moore. Members were asked to dress as characters from plays; giving lines as clues."

December 1929: "Mrs. Dawson made the suggestion made into a motion which carried, that the Club sponsor a Card Party at Hotel Easton, for the purpose of raising money for the Easton Hospital Fund – a room in the name of Miss Laura Maxwell, founder of The Easton Woman's Club."

At the January 1930 meeting, "Mrs. Dawson reported on the card party. $463.85 was raised."

February 1930: The sum reached $468. March 1930: It was stated that for the sum of $500.00 a room could be furnished in the hospital in the name and memory of Miss Laura Maxwell. The Junior section volunteered and raised the balance of $32.00 and the hospital room is so designated in Easton Hospital.

January 7, 1930: "Mrs. Wolverton announced that the Committee on World Fellowship among Children will this year send Friendship chests to the Philippine Islands. Motion was made by Mrs. Anthony and seconded by Mrs. Barnako, and carried that the Easton Woman's Club sponsor this movement."

May 1930: "Mrs. Wolverton explained that the Executive Committee had taken action to recommend to the Woman's Club that the Club be incorporated in the view of the fact that the financial assets are now considerable. She presented the following resolution as a motion.

Resolved; that the Club seek a charter as a corporation of the first class and one not for profit, as provided by the statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And be it further resolved; That the Director, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club be, and they are, hereby authorized and directed to engage council and take under his advice and guidance the necessary legal steps leading to that end."

This motion was seconded and carried.

The Woman's Club of Easton came into being in 1900 – Organized, 1901; Federated, 1904; Incorporated, 1930.

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At the December meeting, 1930, Dr. Violet Sargent reported the Legislative Committee as desirous of presenting a flag to the Club for use on the platform. The offer was accepted by Mrs. Wolverton in behalf of the Club.

April 1931: From the proceeds of a luncheon served in the Club Rooms (rented room on North 3rd Street), managed by Mrs. Ramsey, Chairman of the Home Committee: The gift of a Silver Service has been procured and was at this time presented to the Woman's Club.

May 1931: The Child Welfare Committee announced that the City was now furnishing the toxin and anti-toxin.

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THE THIRTIES

The thirties were the Reformative Years — also the years in which we obtained our first Club House.

From 1900 on, many of the Group meetings and the Executive Board meetings were held in the club members' homes. The general meetings were held in various places: the Y.M.C.A. parlors; the auditorium of the Public Library; the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium; the First Methodist Episcopal Church; the First Presbyterian Lecture Room; and the Hotel Easton. All the time, money was being saved and hoarded for one purpose — "To own a Club House." The Club House Fund became a by-word.

In the twenties when some properties were to be sold, Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. Rollo Knapp were appointed to investigate all properties to see if desirable for a Club House. This Committee of two had never been discharged or dismissed. Now in the thirties it became imperative to have a large central place for our many meetings. One amusing incident brought this need to the fore. The Child Welfare Committee had scheduled a meeting on pros and cons of pasteurized milk. At the home of one of the members, chairs and sandwiches were prepared for twenty people. The people began to gather, soon it was announced to the sandwich people that there were thirty present, then forty. The Committee moved to the back porch. Sandwiches were counted over and over; members living nearby rushed to their homes for bread and anything to spread on sandwiches. It was a hectic afternoon, but everything worked beautifully. The women at the meeting decided that we must work for Pasteurized Milk — and WE MUST HAVE LARGER QUARTERS.

The Committee of two was enlarged and house hunting began which bore results in 1937, and the Hemmingway Home on North 4th Street became the home of the Easton Woman's Club.

The Club was started with a President and three Vice-Presidents; then it was changed to three Directors, each in turn conducting a meeting: Business, Civics, and Educational Directors; and Advisory Board, Treasurer; Recording and Corresponding Secretaries.

In 1936 the Club was re-formed and Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson became our President, with three Directors — heads of the departments, Business, Civics, and Fine Arts.

Serious study was a feature of the early Club years. There was a Dante Class, a French Conversation Class, one in the History of Art, a Browning Class, one devoted to Home Economics, and one to Nature Study during which Lafayette professors conducted the class on walks, studying birds, trees and flowers.

The Memorial Bookshelf was started in 1936, in the Easton Public Library, and will purchase a book to be placed on shelf in memory of each member deceased.

A Woman's Club Program was broadcast over WEST for 15 minutes each week, 1936.

The Club was instrumental in abolishing the sale of fireworks, and favored a city display, 1936.

Art Classes under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club and Lafayette College were conducted in Pardee Hall under the direction of Mr. Baum, 1939.

Petitions were circulated in favor of tuberculin testing in Easton and Wilson High Schools and presented to the School Board, 1939.

The Club co-operated with other organizations in a concert for Polish and Finnish Relief, 1939.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT OF 1936-1937

The officers for 1937-1938 will be: President, Mrs. C. F. Dawson; Directors: Business Department, Mrs. Claire Guthrie; Civics, Mrs. Pearl Rice; Fine Arts Department, Mrs. George R. Hedge; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John Stempel; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Cawley; Treasurer, Mrs. C. A. P. Bartlett; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. G. B. Nevin. Advisory Board: Mrs. Eugen Barnako, Mrs. Horace Lehr, Sr., Mrs. William Prellwitz, Mrs. J. A. Benner, Mrs. W. B. Plank, Mrs. F. W. Slantz.

Membership: 268 members. Mrs. J. G. Bragg, Chairman.

Business Department Chairman, Mrs. H. R. Ramsey.

Calendar: The Calendar Cammittee sent out 289 Directories and Annual Programs; 2,096 Calendars to Club members. Violet B. Sargent, Chairman. Hospitality: The Hospitality Committee has labored under difficulties during the current year, due to inadequate facilities, all of which will disappear when AT HOME in our Club House. Sarah F. Bixler, Chairman.

House: The House Committee supervised the cleaning of cupboards and silverware, the washing of all dishes in October, and

general housekeeping of the Club Rooms. The Chairman served as the Chairman of the House furnishings Committee of the new Club House. Grace L. Harmon, Chairman.

Finance:

Purchase of Club House (North 4th Street) $10,000.00
Borrowed for alterations and improvement 8,000.00
Most of our investments had to be converted into cash to pay for the Club House property.

Lillias C. Nevin, Chairman.

Publicity:

Approximately one hundred and thirty articles have appeared in the paper this year. Miss McGrath has placed these articles in a prominent place on the social page.

A cut of the new Club House and an article descriptive of the building appeared in the April issue of "The Pennsylvania Club Woman."

We have also started a scrap book which should prove interesting to all members of the Club. The first item in this book is the news of the Club House purchase. Evelyn H. Reeves, Chairman.

Fine Arts Department: Director, Mrs. George R. Hedge.

Art:

October Art Pilgrimage to New Hope. November Artist Guild Exhibition, Mrs. John Barr in charge. The Guild realized a nice sum from the auction of sketches. Held talks and exhibits on Pottery, Miniatures, Art and exhibits of Arts and Crafts by Club members, and Pilgrimages was their programs of the years. The members of the Creative Class, Mrs. Asch, chairman, met regularly to work on Christmas Card designs the first half of the year, and on still life and portrait painting the second.

Lorretta Van Schaick, Chairman.

Drama:

The Drama Group numbers 108 members, furnishing practically all programs within itself. There are three study groups within the main group: Shakespeare, Mrs. Eugen Barnako, leader; Greek Drama, Mrs. Albert Gilmer; Modern Drama, Mrs. J. Lucien Jones. Co-operated with the Music Group in an operetta for a Fine Arts Festival. Held Annual open evening, presented 3 one-act plays.

Margaret I. Jones, Chairman.

Literature:

The Literature Department had a membership of 93. Alternate meetings reviewed current prose and poetry.

Ernestine Hedge, Chairman.

Program:

The Programs were varied and enjoyable, our Drama Group having one of the Programs. Margaret Perry, Chairman.

Civics Department: Director, Mrs. Pearl M. Rice.

Americanization; The Committee held a trial Court on May 21 for those who had been studying for citizenship at night school session. Matilda Fernal, Chairman.

Child Welfare Group:

The Committee and the Auxiliary made and gave 220 garments to the needlework guild; made and chanced off a patchwork quilt for the Club House Fund; also sponsored a movie for the same fund. A Tea was given for the new members of the Club: Speaker, Social Worker in the Allentown State Hospital described the Child Guidance Clinic. Five pairs of eyeglasses were purchased for school children. During the entire year, Committee members assisted the Child Emergency Health Committee of the State.

Louisa Rubin, Chairman.

Legislative:

A large group of women toured the new Water Works, combined with the Garden Group to see slides showing conservation work in Pennsylvania. Heard talk on Current legislation and the mechanics of Pennsylvania legislature.

Margaret Y. Raub, Chairman.

Garden:

Visited the Morris Arboretum at Chestnut Hill. Made and gave 65 miniature winter gardens to shut-ins. Gave a May party, "Along the Garden Path." Sum realized for the Club House Fund. Mrs. Charles Kern and Mrs. James Kuhn both able gardeners, have consented to assume the supervision of the new Club House Garden.

Ella R. Pittenger, Chairman.

Home:

For the first Program, the Club room was furnished as a living room where a consultant of the Metropolitan Edison Company gave a lecture on practical lighting, called, "After sundown-What?" Gave

a Bazaar for the Club House Fund, and visited the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum, New York City.

Katherine Hardie, Chairman.

Current Events:

The Current Events Group met six times during the year; of a registration of 60, the average attendance was 40. Questions of the moment in politics, education, music, the theatre, books, letters from abroad, and travel experiences were discussed.

Emily B. Knapp, Chairman.

Juniors:

The 71 members invited the Seniors and their daughters or granddaughters to a meeting where Mrs. Vaughn spoke on "Dolls," showing a collection of interesting dolls.

They have done much civic work this year. They will make a gift to the new Club House in the form of a part of the decorations.

Florence S. Noble, Chairman.

In May 1937, the hopes and plans of the early years of owning a Club Home were now fulfilled, and the Easton Woman's Club owned one of the thirty-eight Club houses in Pennsylvania — the Hemmingway Home at 56 North 4th Street.

Many of the Juniors had become and were becoming active Seniors, bringing into the Club their fresh enthusiasm — and Club work was going forward with a new zest.

For 39 years the Woman's Club of Easton has been going steadily forward. At this time, the beginning of 1940, many of the civics projects started by the Woman's Club had been taken over by the newly formed social agencies: the Social Service; the Visiting Nurse Association; the hospitals; the Santa Claus Exchange; the Y.W.C.A.; the Salvation Army; Mothers' Assistance; and many other groups. With the women who serve on the various boards and the volunteer workers all being members of the Woman's Club.

But Club work — never ending — is continuing: new ventures are always being undertaken.

The Juniors now becoming Seniors and the new members are fast becoming active leaders, having served on Committees under the guidance and direction and association with those zealous, able, understanding and enthusiastic women who have left their imprint in the Club history and on many of our lives. Some have gone to higher work, some have moved away, some have resigned. That they

may be long remembered in our Club history a few of the leading, active, guiding members' names are here inscribed: Mrs. Chas. Ayers; Miss Mary Illick; Mrs. J. I. B. Reilly, Mrs. J. W. Tupper; Mrs. John T. Baker; Mrs. Ward Raymond; Mrs. William O. Hay; Mrs. George Nevin; Mrs. Horace Magee; Miss Helen Hardie, Miss Anna Ruger; Mrs. S. A. Martin; Mrs. Clarence Beck; Mrs. Frank Lawell; Miss Estelle Bliss; Mrs. Thomas Mellon; Mrs. William Prellwitz, Mrs. Luther B. Anthony; Mrs. E. E. Swift; Mrs. Cora B. Eddy; Mrs. George Macan; Miss Edith Taylor; Mrs. S. Taylor Wilson; Mrs. William Wolverton; Mrs. M. D. Steever; Mrs. Annie Fleck; Mrs. S. B. Redfield; Mrs. Lynn Perry; Mrs. John Barr.

Mrs. Eugen Barnako, who was a member for over 40 years; died March 21, 1959; was Treasurer for many years, and attended almost all of the Welfare meetings and was an active worker of this group for over 40 years.

A tribute to Mrs. Eugen Barnako, March 21, 1959 read before the Woman's Club Meeting, April 7, 1959:

She was Vin, to most of us. To know her was to love her, for from her radiated a love and understanding which made her a wonderful friend.

She loved our Woman's Club, had attended almost every meeting of the Welfare Group for over 40 years.

She was not a charter member, but was one of our earliest members. She was Treasurer for many, many years.

She gave of herself unstintingly, and was an inspiration and help in her quiet, thoughtful, loving way to many of us. We will miss her.

Mrs. Albert Shoenberger, Fine Arts Director, asked me to write a poem. I would rather read to you one of my poems which Vin, herself had chosen. It is called BRIGHT STAR.

Bright Star,
The Soul of one
Who has but gone before;
A beacon light to lead me on
Toward Home.
Your love, your smile,
Your faith, a ray gleaming afar:
Through all eternity you shine
Bright Star.

—L. Anne White

As time marches on, progress and change go hand in hand.

In the thirties, the Jewish Community Center was formed; the seed which was planted in 1900 and nurtured by many zealous women had put down strong roots and now strong branches were reaching outward.

Many of our workers taking with them the precepts and examples and traditions, formed The Jewish Woman's Club — patterned after The Easton Woman's Club. Some of the names are here recorded: Mrs. Phillip Goldman; Mrs. Albert Kahn; Mrs. Max Kaplan; Mrs. Herman Krohn; Mrs. Fred Levin; Mrs. Lewis M. Levin; Mrs. Jacob Mayer; Mrs. Leo Rosenbaum; Mrs. Lee Socks.

These women all became active workers in local, national and international civics work in The Jewish Woman's Club.

We will now digress and turn the pages of our membership blue book of April 1959, where we find the record of ardent, steadfast, loyal women who have served our Club in many different capacities. No Club work has ever been so menial or so hard an undertaking but they shouldered the responsibility, and if possible carried it through to the end. All are still on the active list, ever willing to lend a hand to serve in whatever capacity and place they are asked to fill in our ever increasing Club work.

We have two 50-year members of our Club (1909-1959), April 7, 1959: Mrs. Charles E. Hansen; Mrs. Claire Reilly Guthrie, who was Claire Reilly when she joined in 1909.

One 49-year member, Miss Grace Reimer, (1910).

One 48-year member, Mrs. David Ludlow, (1911).

One 47-year member, Mrs. R. S. Knapp, (1912). A wonderful worker, a delightful person to know and to work with. She has worked on committees, been Chairman, Director, Councilor, and President and a valued member of the Board.

The 40-year members, and over (1913-1919).

Mrs. S. Irwin Darnell; Mrs. Willard Paff; Miss Carrie Fehr; Mrs. Arthur Bixler; Mrs. George Wilson, a President, Director, Councilor, and Board member; Mrs. D. Arthur Hatch; and Miss Catherine McGrath, our untiring Publicity worker.

Members — 30 to 39 years.

Mrs. William Asch; Mrs. J. Alfred Benner, a President; Mrs. C. Fred Bryant; Mrs. Stanley Bull; Mrs. Ellsworth Case; Mrs. John Cawley; Mrs. Frederick Churchill, a President; Mrs. John S. Correll;

Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson, a President; Mrs. James DeLong; Mrs. Fred Gmeiner; Mrs. B. M. Hance; Mrs. Lottie Headley; Mrs. H. Crozier Leigh; Mrs. Arthur Lillicrapp; Mrs. Berenice Moore; Mrs. Barbara Nagle; Mrs. H. R. Ramsey; Mrs. Jacob Raub, Jr.; Mrs. John A. Rutter; Mrs. Fred Rubin; Mrs. John D. Sandt; Mrs. W. Harold Smith; Mrs. Edna Uhler; Mrs. L. W. Van Buskert; Mrs. J. Ludlow White; Mrs. John Winters.

Members — 25 to 29 years.

Mrs. Walter F. Auch; Mrs. Robert Backman; Mrs. R. W. Becker; Mrs. Walter Culpepper, Jr.; Mrs. E. P. Damon; Mrs. C. P. Derr; Mrs. Ralph Foltz; Mrs. Charles Kern; Mrs. Robert Leida; Mrs. Harvey Mack; Mrs. C. J. Mahler; Mrs. Geo. W. Morrison; Mrs. Russell J. Morrison; Mrs. Orion Reeves; Mrs. John E. Schaible; Mrs. Asher Seip; Mrs. George Shillinger; Mrs. Foster Shook; Mrs. J. L. Stackhouse; Mrs. W. P. Watson.

Some of our 25-and 30-year members who had resigned and were reinstated:

Mrs. Horatio Shull; Mrs. John Franks; Mrs. William Ewadinger; Mrs. Nelson Roundsley.

Mrs. Foster Shook was a President, Business Director, Junior Advisor, and now (1959) Parliamentarian — a wonderful guide in Club work.

PAST PRESIDENTS — Woman's Club of Easton, 1936-1959

Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson	1936-1938
Mrs. George Hedge	1938-1939
Mrs. Claire Reilly Guthrie	1939-1940
Mrs. R. S. Knapp	1940-1942
Mrs. J. Alfred Benner	1942-1946
Mrs. Foster E. Shook	1946-1950
Mrs. George F. Wilson	1950-1954
Mrs. Stanley F. Hahn	1954-1956
Mrs. Paul Baumert	1956-1958
Mrs. Frederick Churchill	1958-

Mrs. Dawson besides being President has held many offices; chairman of several committees, taken part in many plays, Junior Advisor and Councilor; a valuable Club member.

The Easton Woman's Club enters another decade, the nineteen forties. These were the sacrificing and war work years (World War II), when each and every woman shared in the effort. Much pleas-

ure was mixed with our outside civic activities. Our annual Christmas Parties and Colonial Teas held each year were outstanding events, and the Drama Group plays were something not to be missed.

We went all out to raise money to make the mortgage payments on our 4th Street Home. Many plans, original ideas, and willing hands made work light and profitable. Again the Club House Fund was a by-word.

Each group had charge of a Bake Table at every General Club Meeting. Orders were taken for home-made rolls, Devil's Food cake, Orange Sponge cake, Pies, each one's prize delicacy. Bazaars were held, card parties in the homes, hobby shows, rummage sales, and anything to make money. The 12 members of the Poetry Group raised the money to publish their book of poems, "The Blue Room Anthology," by selling hundreds and hundreds of knitted dish cloths, and had $50.00 left from the sale of their books to turn over to the Club House Fund.

Each group tried something unique; the Business Department had a Talent Dollar project, and each member discovered she had a talent upon which to build and raise money.

Not all the money went toward the mortgage. The Welfare Department did a tremendous work during those years. Besides money given to charitable organizations, boxes were packed at Christmas time for the Tuberculosis patients at Wernersville and Hamburg. Also, remembrances were sent to the shut-ins. The Music and Art Departments gave $60.00 a year to deserving Music and Art Students in the three high schools, Easton and Wilson and Phillipsburg.

1940. Represented on Boys' Club; Household Aid Projects and Council for Civic Betterment.
A Concert held for British Relief.
Sewing for Red Cross.

1941. Helped with Bundles for America. Sold War Bonds.

1942. A member was asked to serve on a committee studying the Community Chest reorganization.
Helped at Salvation Army Canteen.

1943. Two members appointed to the Council Agencies.

Throughout the war period a majority of the members engaged in war work. A survey showed 500 hours per week given by Club members to war work although only the Red Cross sewing was carried on in the Club House rooms.

Our project at this time is the restoration of the Recreation Board, as we feel that a permanent recreation program would do much to curb the menace of juvenile delinquency.

During the second World War years our women lived many lives. They were not only homekeepers, but Club women workers, Red Cross workers, Civilian Defense workers, they sold war bonds and stamps, served at the Control Center, and worked on all the Rationing Boards. One group of women met one day a week at the Club rooms to sew. Mrs. W. Harold Smith was in charge of that project. Mrs. Rollo S. Knapp was head of the Red Cross Volunteer workers. Many hours were put into the Canteen work, the Gray Ladies, Home Nursing and other phases of the work; everyone carried a knitting bag, and fingers flew when women gathered in any public place. Mrs. George Wilson in Civilian Defense and Rationing was a busy woman; Sugar, Rent, Gas, Oil and Shoes were projects to handle.

Mrs. J. Ludlow White, Chairman of the Women's Division of War Bonds, when asked after the 7th Bond Drive was finished, what she thought of women, replied, "Wonderful! I now know 735 women by name and disposition — team workers all — delightful women to work with."

I wish I could mention all the women Club members who worked at the Control Center — for they deserve recognition.

Perhaps this is not Club History — But in after years a generation of Club women may look back upon these records and estimate the hours our generation spent in civic war work.

In the Easton Express every Saturday night from March 1940 through November 1942, a full column of poems written by the members of the Poetry Group of the Easton Woman's Club was published.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1940's

The Home Group did Canteen work, held lessons and lectures on Food Values; also assisted with the Teas — delectable food and beautiful settings of the Tea Table.

The Antique Group took many trips and saw many Antique Collectors' items.

The Art Group sponsored an Art Class for children every Saturday morning in the Club rooms; gave prizes to school children for posters showing roadside improvement; held picture exchange; painting classes and exhibitions.

Legislative Group: A study of laws, a joint meeting with League of Women Voters to hear speakers – Candidates who were running for state offices. Members of the Committee went to Harrisburg with women from the State Federation – on the oleo situation; campaigned for woman on School Board – and won.

One morning every two weeks with Mrs. Russel Schooley, chairman of "The Glamour Class," we held many a hearty laughing session while being taught exercises and charm and camouflage – to see ourselves as others see us.

The Drama and Music Groups each provided a delightful program every year and our Club members were charmed with the superb talent we have in our Club. One very outstanding program by the Drama Group was their Madonna rendition in which they were assisted by the Music Group. Also the Drama Group evening 3-Act plays brought money to the Club House Fund.

We carried on successfully our Colonial and Lincoln Teas and at that time held exhibitions of rare china, and lace, pewter articles, fans, linens and old silver and many collectors' items loaned by our members.

Held receptions for our new members, with interesting programs. And our annual Christmas Teas were outstanding, given by the Committees of the Fine Arts and the Civics Groups.

Many of the Poetry Group members received prizes both from the Federation of Women's Clubs and the Pennsylvania Poetry Society.

The Public Welfare Group gave their help to the social agencies, and many civic projects were helped forward with their time and money.

The Garden Group contributed their talent in decorating the tables for the Club Luncheons; the native tree and wild flower project at Washington Crossing; Beautifying the Club House yard and holding Flower Shows both Spring and Fall.

A working together in Club teamwork. These were a very successful, harmonious ten years – with many plans for the future.

The Juniors were organized in 1925 with a membership of 65. These girls have done outstanding welfare and civic work under the direction of the Junior Advisors, selected by them from the membership of the Senior Club. The following have served as their Advisors to date (May 1959): Mrs. F. G. Hoddick; Mrs. R. E. V. Miller; Mrs. W. J. Wachter; Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson; Mrs. William

Noble; Mrs. J. A. Dougherty; Mrs. Foster Shook; Mrs. Walter Culpepper, Jr.; Mrs. Lewis Weiss; Mrs. Clarence Van Schaick; Mrs. Merritt Ebner.

To raise money for their Welfare and Civic Work they have given plays, sold cook books which were compiled by the Seniors, held card parties and dances, and fashion shows. They have always given clerical help to any of the social agencies; parties for poor children at Christmas time; books for blind in braille; sent Girl Scouts to Scout camp for two weeks during the summer.

Their big project, which is awarded each year, is their Nursing Scholarship (which they are still continuing).

They have given many gifts to the senior club: a sum of money as a yearly contribution.

In 1936 they presented the seniors with three mirrors as their gift and donation to the new Club House (56 North 4th Street).

Another gift was two ladder back chairs also punch bowl and ladle, and helping refurnish the Blue Room. They raised $32.00 for the balance of the Hospital room in memory of Miss Laura Maxwell.

These young women workers are the future Seniors and are welcomed into the Senior Club when they attain the age of 35 years. They, the Juniors, have their own By-Laws and governing body, and are represented on the Senior Board. They are capable, enthusiastic and charming young women to know.

We, the Seniors of the Easton Woman's Club are proud of them.

It is a pleasure and a joy to leaf through the year books from 1911 through 1959: to learn how faithfully so many women have year after year served on committees, when and where needed, to promote the work of the Club. Then they have accepted more responsibility — advanced to Chairmanship — then became elected officers, Directors, Counselors, Advisors, our Treasurers and our Secretaries, both Recording and Corresponding, who give such wonderful service in such a charming and delightful manner — and all to become reliable members of the Executive Board. They have also been appointed and served on the nominating committees, and the Northampton County Federation, have been elected as delegates to the State Federation of Women's Clubs. These people whose names are legion and unsung, dependable workers and planners, workers behind the scenes.

They deserve many thanks and special mention from all the Club members even though their names remain untold. They are the backbone of the Easton Woman's Club.

These loyal women—
Ever faithful, moving forward,
Ever willing to lend a hand—
Like the workers in the vineyard
They give unstinted service,
To our Woman's Club Band.

One great achievement of our Club was the forming of The Open Circle. This is an evening group composed of the young women of our Club who could not attend the afternoon meetings. It was formed in 1953-1954. The Open Circle has a Director who represents the group on the Executive Board of the Senior Club. The Circle forms such committees as they desire, when necessary. Their chairmen change each year, bringing a new viewpoint and new interest to the work. They are indefatigable workers and are fired with the enthusiasm for which our Club is noted. Their projects and welfare work are outstanding. A picture of their work as given in the report of (Mrs. Ted) Pauline D. Pierz, Director of the Open Circle, 1955-1956 showing the scope of their undertaking. It is as follows: "About 70 members of the Club including 5 new members, have this year been active and interested Open Circle members. We have again had successful programs and projects. Our programs have included talks on such topics as Linen—its care and uses, Hats, Childhood in India, Mink Ranching, and the Broadway Theatre. Our study groups, Literature and Bridge, have been well attended, Literature Group numbering about 12 members, and Bridge from 4 to 6 tables per month. Our annual projects were:

Card Party	$100.00
1956 Calendars	93.25
17 Boxes Note Paper	6.80
Sweetheart Ball	340.45
	$540.30

Making a total of $320.00 for Campership for crippled child at Harmony Hall, and $220.30 to the Club treasury.

Mrs. Walter Culpepper, III, present Director, states that along with their other work they now strive and will send from the pro-

ceeds of The Sweetheart Ball, two crippled children to Camp Daddy Allen.

Such worthwhile work of the young women of the Open Circle should not go unnoticed. These young women are the salt of the earth, and they fulfill and carry out the ideals of our founder, Miss Laura Maxwell.

IN MEMORIAM

In 1926 the Memorial Book Shelf was started, a book being placed in the Public Library, on the Memorial Book Shelf, from the Woman's Club, in honor of a deceased member. Thanks to Miss Rachel Scott and Miss Grace Reimer, Chairmen, these books were selected and inscribed for our members. Many books on the Memorial Book Shelf have been placed by organizations and individuals. Only those given by the Woman's Club are here listed.

Mrs. Clarence Beck — Poems of Emily Dickinson, Culture of Cities, The Birds of America, Rhododendrons and Azaleas
Mrs. Harry J. Steele — An encyclopedia of Antiques
Mrs. Robert Ehret — The Story of American Furniture, Bouquets and Bitters
Mrs. Grace Harman — Flower Arrangement
Mrs. Anthony McHugh — The Challenge of Adolescence
Mrs. Kate C. Bratsch — The Brandywine
Miss Elizabeth E. Root — Poetic Drama
Mrs. Frank Chipman — Music in Western Civilization
Mrs. Robert Pauley — American Glass
Mrs. George B. Nevin — Come In and other Poems, by Robert Frost
Mrs. Rachel Lieberman — Catholic Art and Culture
Mrs. A. W. Gray — Garden Bulbs in Color
Mrs. Anna Stier — Child Development
Mrs. Alvin F. Nolf — Garden Lilies
Mrs. Edna J. Eichlin — Twentieth Century Music
Miss Estelle Bliss — The Dance
Miss Grace Spettique — A History of Modern Drama
Mrs. Cora Eddy — North African Prelude
Mrs. Thomas Mellon — New Geography of American Antiques
Miss Minnie Laubach — Audio-visual Methods in Teaching
Miss Mary Flynn — Nutrition and Physical Fitness
Mrs. C. D. Hummel — The Unveiling

Mrs. Paul E. Kleinberg –Who Lived Here? (New England Homes)
Mrs. Thomas C. Zulick, Sr. – Encyclopedia of Home Decoration
Mrs. Edgar Kleinhaus – Selecting Antiques Vol. 1
Mrs. Edward Sutton – Selecting Antiques, Vol. 2
Mrs. J. Norman Reeser – North With the Spring
Miss Harriet Alden – My Life As a Teacher
Miss Mary Illich – The Peabody Sisters of Salem
Mrs. William Edelman – The Muhlenbergs of Pennsylvania
Mrs. Donald Riddagh – Modern Theatre Practice
Mrs. William Ealer – A Nativeist's Scrapbook
Miss Anna Kelly – Twenty Centuries of Education
Mrs. William A. Stotz – Sheffield Plate
Mrs. Kenneth S. Kuhn – Victorian Furniture
Mrs. David Lambert – Burroughs' America
Mrs. Charles Brian – Wild Flowers At a Glance
Miss Jessie Lerch – Art and Craft of Drawing for Children
Mrs. James F. Kuhn – Wild Flowers of America
Mrs. Cornelius St. Clair –
Mrs. Joseph G. Wooding – Altars of the East
Mrs. Charles Muller – Autumn Across America
Mrs. Ellsworth Carpenter – Autobiography of Marian Anderson
Miss Matilda Dreisbach –
Mrs. James B. Cline – A Civil War Artist At the Front
Miss Agnes Buttner – All the Plants of the Bible
Miss Anna L. Meier – The Bible Was My Treasure Map
Miss Rosa Scott – Madame Lafayette
Mrs. Eugen Barnako – Elizabeth the Great

Books presented to the Woman's Club by speakers at Club meetings:

September Monkey – Induk Pahk
Syrian Yankee – Salon Rizh
The Blue Room Anthology – by The Creative Poetry Group of the Easton Woman's Club, was presented by Virginia H. Bragg.

In addition, many members who have died were remembered with books given by individual members of the Club.

Miss Grace Reimer,
Chairman of Memorial Book Shelf.

LEST WE FORGET

You have left an imprint on the lives you have met;
Your work on earth is not ended, we cannot forget,
For you left us your ideals, inspiration, your purpose strong,
Bestowed some of your loving self on us, as you journeyed along.

1950 to 1959 and 1960 were the achievement years, with much interest shown and work accomplished. Following are briefs:

Department work completed and some still being carried forward.

In the early fifties, the American Home sponsored a Tasty Tea, which was a gourmet's delight.

The Home, Garden, and Antique Groups combined their meetings for programs; "My most Treasured Possessions," proved a most interesting meeting; and a speaker from the Extension Service of Pennsylvania State College, whose subject was "The use of Color in the Home" caused many Oh's and Ah's.

The Americanization, Legislation and International Relations Group sponsored a trip to the United Nations; also they visited the Northampton County Court House and witnessed the final hearing of the immigrants before becoming citizens, in the Naturalization courts. It was brought home to our members what it means to be and to become an American citizen.

The Public Welfare Group made cancer dressings; collected books and games for the Juvenile home; golf balls, foil pie plates, old nylons, eyeglasses, and records; provided entertainment for the Golden Age Club; filled TB envelopes; sent girls to Scout camps; provided Meals for Millions; packed Christmas boxes as gifts for Hamburg Sanatorium (and Coatesville Veteran's Hospital). Transportation was furnished for children to Crippled Children Clinic; aided the TB Society; provided readers for story hours at Library; sent girls to Salvation Army camp; were represented on the Advisory Council of the Recreation Board. The Group furnished refreshments at a party of the Old Ladies Home when the Drama Group entertained them as only our Drama Group can. The Chairman represented the Club at the meetings of the Council of Welfare Agencies where the family as a factor in Child Delinquency was studied; and the group worked on this program.

Those members who came to hear Mrs. Knapp talk on Current Events were well repaid.

The Garden Group assisted by members of the Juniors, arranged the exhibits and were hostesses at the flower shows held at the Easton National Bank. They found the Organic Gardening most entertaining when they visited the Experimental Farm at Emmaus. Highlights of the years were the Christmas Teas and the Colonial Teas; these events were looked forward to with much eagerness. Each year the tables burst forth into bloom, at the Club luncheons, under the direction of their magic fingers.

In 1951 the Civics Department gave $108.32 for new chairs; handled publicity for the Club on the Korean Care Campaign; sent $30.00 for Welfare to them.

The Music Group has given lovely programs, and much credit is due to their wonderful directors. They have held a very pleasing Cantata each year and sang as a group at many meetings, also combined with the Drama Group. They feel that they have not only enjoyed working together but have gained much in experience and training. They have awarded yearly prizes to the three most talented students in the Easton, Wilson, and Phillipsburg High Schools.

The Art Group carried a full schedule with the Advanced Painters meeting two days a month under the direction of a professional artist. The beginners enjoy painting "still life sets," and looking forward to joining the advanced group. They held many public exhibits and their Sunday afternoon exhibits and Teas were well attended, where the paintings of the students who received the Art awards, from the three high schools, were shown. Money for awards was raised in the form of Crazy Hat Bridge Parties and highly successful Bake sales. Art Appreciation classes were held.

The Crafts Group of the early 1950's worked in oils and on tin and textiles paintings, and held delightful Spring exhibitions when they exhibited their crafts.

The Poetry and Creative writing groups won many awards in the Pennsylvania Poetry Society and Federation contests beside one member's having articles published and another plays produced.

A busy woman, is Mrs. Walter Culpepper, Jr., who has been Treasurer, a Junior Advisor, a Board member, and now in 1959-1960 is House chairman and Treasurer of the Drama Group. When she was Business Director she gave this brief report: "We feel that the business end of the Club has been upheld very successfully with every Chairman on the job. The Calendars have reached you on time every month. Many cards have been sent by the Friendship

Committee. The House Chairman has had a busy year with so much activity in the Club and keeping all meetings listed. Our Finance Committee has kept us within the budget. Behind the scenes — repairs large and small are taken care of; lights replaced; and tenants made happy. These are some of the small items well cared for by the Business Department. A friendly, harmonious two years."

Before our meeting of October 6, 1953, Mrs. George Wilson announced that she had invited a group of Germans who were visiting in Easton to attend our October meeting. Also, that Mrs. Bessie Heller Roberts will present our American flag to the Club at our regular meeting October 6, 1953.

Mrs. William Curll, Director of Civics Department, February 1954, reported that Mrs. Charles Kern, Chairman of Garden, had completed and sent an afghan to Valley Forge Veteran's Hospital; also sold Christmas cards, and contributions of sewing and needle-work articles were sent to Germany for use in classes for women and girls.

In March 1954, the Public Welfare Group gave radio, record player, books, and new neckties donated by Club members to Gracedale, Northampton County Home.

In April 1954, Mrs. Claude Yeager, Junior Advisor, reported that 18 Juniors will assist with the X-Ray Drive and that a Junior was sitting on the Y.W. Board for the drive. Also they had donated two rocking chairs to the Northampton County Home at Gracedale.

1954-1955: Great interest is taken in the Circulating Picture Club Project.

1954-1955: Giving support to The Women's Medical College is our State Project for the next two years. Summer Card Party at the home of Mrs. Stewart Hughes earned a substantial sum toward this project.

In October of 1954 a project was started to place waste receptacles in public places — to clean up the litter on the sidewalks and the city streets.

In February 1955, Mrs. Frederick Churchill, Director of Civics, read a letter sent to all the civic organizations regarding the waste receptacles; also, petition sent. The Woman's Club of Easton, Pennsylvania. Whereas, the Woman's Club of Easton has been greatly concerned about the condition of our city streets, and since a number of people visiting our city have commented on the condition of the streets, and since it is impossible to educate the public to im-

prove this condition unless there is some place to deposit waste, the Woman's Club of Easton requests the Easton City Council to place additional receptacles for waste paper in the downtown area. Signed: The Woman's Club of Easton, President, Mrs. Stanley F. Hahn; Civics Director, Mrs. Frederick Churchill; Welfare Chairman, Mrs. Fred Rubin.

November 3, 1954

Results: Organizations willing to purchase waste cans have their names on them. Welfare purchased two cans. From Mrs. Churchill's 1955 Civics report; "While your Civics Department has not attained the goal they had hoped to achieve in the 'Clean-up Program' of our City, we do believe we have created a consciousness of this need. Certainly the waste cans placed on our city streets are being used.

"Our present administration has ordered the junk yards to be concealed from public highway. A plan will be effective in the very near future to control night parking to enable our street cleaners to work much more efficiently." "A committee set up by the city; the Woman's Club was assigned, Education. A book for use in the Public Schools was recommended entitled 'Annie Doesn't Litter Anymore.' This book was purchased and taken to Mr. Tracy, Superintendent of Schools. He highly favored its use in the schools and these books were purchased for our elementary grades and are now part of our curriculum in our elementary schools."

Tuesday, June 2, 1955 Mrs. Stanley F. Hahn, president of the Easton Woman's Club, put a match to the mortgage on the Club property at 56 North 4th Street at a ceremony highlighting the Club's annual luncheon at the Lanark Pavilion. Participating in the ceremony were Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson, president in 1937; Mrs. H. R. Ramsey, business director of the Club when the Club house was purchased in 1937; Mrs. Stanley F. Hahn and Mrs. Lewis Weiss, president and business director of this year (1955), when the mortgage was retired. And we, the Club, were free from debt.

We are a tireless working Club of loyal women who do teamwork and stand willing to fill in wherever needed. Nothing is impossible to undertake and carry through like the way the women tackled the HEAT problem.

July 6, 1955: It was a sizzling hot day. A special meeting of the Executive Board was called to discuss the HEAT situation. All members were present to learn that the estimated cost for heat for the Club House was $17,000.00. Heat we must have, so city heat was

installed. In October 1955 the following letter was sent to every Club member.

Dear Club Member:
In 1901 good women and true
Started the Easton Woman's Club,
It has been handed down to you;
They worked and saved a Club House to obtain—
We own one of 38 Club Houses in the Pennsylvania domain.
In 1955 we paid off our mortgage,
Had our grand heat installed—
Rejoice and be thankful — Club members all,
Our heat cost us money — Our Club work must live—
To fill our depleted Treasury — we must generously give.
To each and every Club member — Take this opportunity to share,
NO PROJECT — Just give us your greenbacks—
As many as you can spare.

The answer was astounding. Our Club women are wonderful. Our debt was paid and a balance remained in our treasury.

And then another problem arose. Business encroached upon our Club House on 4th Street, and parking became an acute problem.

It had its funny side. One speaker, after a meeting, in all seriousness asked: "What did I do, to offend some of the members, that would cause them to leave the meeting?" Those of us whom he asked, looked puzzled, until he further explained. "First two or three of the women in the same row in the back of the room, left hurriedly. Then one by one those sitting in different parts of the room, left. Did I say anything to offend?" He was relieved when we explained. "Their parking time was about up and they had to walk out to put a nickel in the meter."

Every woman in the Club became a scout for property which did not have a parking problem. We were rewarded in February 1956, when Mrs. Ralph Foltz and Mrs. Albert Shoenberger learned that the Haytock home on Cattell Street might be purchased. The matter was brought before the Executive Board and Mrs. Stanley F. Hahn, President, authorized a committee consisting of Mrs. Barbara Nagle, Business Director, Mrs. Albert Shoenberger, Mrs. H. R. Ramsey and Mrs. Walter Culpepper, Jr., to investigate the property. This committee later was expanded to include Mrs. C. F. Dawson, Mrs. Stanley F. Hahn, Mrs. J. Ludlow White, Mrs. Stew-

art Hughes, Mrs. Ralph Foltz, Mrs. Richard Bender, Mrs. Paul Baumert, and Mrs. Edgar Winne. Negotiations started which finally resulted in our owning our second Club house.

We sold our Club house at 56 North 4th Street for $32,000.00
Purchased our second Club house at 611 Cattell St. 27,700.00

Mortgage $ 7,500.00

This property includes a three-story residence (stone) at the northeast corner of Cattell and Pierce Streets, and a garden which extends north to Cattell and Burke Streets. The Club occupies the first and third floors and rents the second floor. Renovations began under the direction and hard work of Mrs. Barbara Nagle, Mrs. Richard Bender, Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson, Mrs. Stewart Hughes, Mrs. Paul Baumert, and Mrs. Albert Shoenberger.

Our beautiful Club house evolved. Our first meeting was held in March 1958 when every nook and corner was inspected and admired.

GIFTS BY MEMBERS TO THE EASTON WOMAN'S CLUB
1958 - 1959

Clock, Auditorium—given by Mrs. Floyd Lear, Jr., Mrs. Orion Reeves, Mrs. John Winter, Mrs. Albert Shoenberger, and Miss Marion Winter

Umbrella Stand—given by Mrs. Harold W. Smith, and Mrs. Barbara Nagle

Large Coffee Maker—given by Mrs. Arthur Lillicrapp

Small Coffee Maker—given by Mrs. Frederick Churchill

Kitchen Clock—given by Mrs. R. W. Becker

Projector Screen—given by The A.A.U.W.

Lectern—given by Mrs. Richard Bender

Torceir Lights—given by Mrs. Richard Bender

Paper and Paint, Powder Room—given by Mrs. Richard Bender, Mrs. Edgar Winne

Ceiling Lights, Auditorium—given by the Junior Woman's Club

Fire Place Equipment—given by The Antique Study Group

Fire Place Equipment—given by Mrs. Charles Stauffer

Humidor—given by Mrs. Charles Stauffer

Two Plastic Covered Chairs, Gold Room—given by Mrs. Clarence Van Schaick

Gold Lamp Shades, Gold Room—given by Mrs. Foster Shook

Tiles Replaced, front porch—given by Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson
Platform—given by Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson
Book Case, Art Room—given by Mrs. John Zapp
Vanity Bench, Powder Room—given by Mrs. Barbara Nagle
Ceramic Ash Tray, Gold Room—given by Mrs. Eve Wolfe
Figurines, Gold Room—given by Mrs. Eve Wolfe
Figurines, Gold Room—given by Mrs. Richard Bender
Rug, Porch and Vestibule—given by Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson
Two Odd Tables—given by Mrs. Cecil F. Dawson
Tea-Wagon (wood)—given by Mrs. Orion Reeves
Tea-Wagon (brass)—given by Mrs. Stanley Transue
Woman's Club sign, refinished and erected—given by—Mrs. Rolla S. Knapp
Mirror (antique)—given by Mrs. S. Irvin Darnell
Trays for Cake serving—given by Mrs. John Zapp, Mrs. O. S. Reese, and Mrs. Barbara Nagle
Wardrobe of Costumes for Drama Group—given by Mrs. Charles Mackey

In our new Club house, Club work took on a new zeal and zest. Our annual January Card Party was a great success, financially and socially, and the Group Card Parties added much to our treasury. The Crafts Group under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Edna Uhler, at their Bazaar made over $635.00, and the Juniors at their Bazaar were completely sold out soon after lunch. Welfare gave a 16mm Projector for West Easton Day Care School; in all, over $1,000.00 was given for welfare in 1958-1959, doing our bit in civics work to promote the precepts for which the Easton Woman's Club was founded.

We ended the year of 1959 (June 2) on a high note, with the Club Luncheon held at the Northampton Country Club; with Mrs. Frederick Churchill, our charming, capable, and gracious President, presiding. It rained that day, but did not dampen the spirits of the many members assembled. The installation of the newly elected officers was held. Mrs. Anthony Pinto, Program Chairman, and the Program Committee have held excellent programs during the year, but the June Luncheon was outstanding. It was given by the Reverends C. Harry and Paul Kelm, identical twins. An entertaining and hilarious afternoon was spent. And this thought was left with us to carry on in Club work: the subject of their speech was, "The Three Bones."

1. The Wish Bone. Desire — to work when and where needed.

2. The Funny Bone. To have a sense of humor, to carry us through especially against the heights (arrogance); also to give us a buoyancy when feeling down or blue.

3. The Back-bone. To strengthen our determination to work faithfully to carry us forward and onward in Club work.

Many plans and ideas are in the embryonic stage as we enter the Club year of 1959-1960 — Sixty years since Miss Laura Maxwell conceived the idea of a Woman's Club, Fifty-nine years since twelve women started to work — the work which women can accomplish when banded together in Club work.

Our history speaks for itself.

With many plans formulated, much accomplished, completed, well done, is the fine record of the Easton Woman's Club and its work well begun. As the Club enters its 60th year of service, undaunted, the women carry on; from twelve pioneer women to three hundred and thirty-three women imbued with Club spirit, venturesome, active, fired with enthusiasm strong.

Our Club house was in demand June 1959 — for June was a busy month in the Easton Woman's Club — the busiest month of the year — meeting after meeting. As endings are beginnings always, the June Executive meeting with the retiring and incoming officers and chairmen is symbolic where the old leaves off and the new begins. Then the retiring committees hold luncheons and parties and picnics, and the incoming chairmen organize and hold their planning committee meetings.

The Finance chairman and officers work together over the budget.

The Corresponding Secretary and her helpers gather the Data and compile the yearly Blue Book.

Together with the Juniors and the Open Circle committees being re-formed and their future plans made.

All these meetings have kept the Promotion chairman, House chairman, and Club House Manager busy supplying non-conflicting time and days for Group meetings.

Proving the Easton Woman's Club to be an active, healthy, worthwhile organization in the community — looking forward toward its 60th year in Club work.